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people that are absolutely unable to pay the increase and put it on those that are able to and now that doesn't mean my grandchildren and their parents but it would mean that some group of people is going to have to pick up the difference. I think that the power company should have every right to look up and try to figure out who we can actually say that we are going to give this relief to these people and we are going to increase the people paying the bill that are able to pay it. I hope what Senator Simon is doing is going to do that. I hope it gives the power company the right to go over their books and look it over and do that. That is all I have to say about it. Let's try to do something for those people who we may be shutting off their electricity who sit all night and worry about how they are going to pay their light bill or their gas bill. I will tell you folks, we have some people in this state that are really hard run and they are unable to do anything about it themselves. Me, I can go get another job if I need it. I can work a little extra overtime but for somebody that is sixty, seventy or eighty years of age are unable to do that. Let's try to do what Senator Simon is trying to do here. I don't think it is going to set the world on fire and it certainly is not going to break the public utilities.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Well I would like to just address the amendment and not really the concept of the bill. For those that are concerned that we are limiting somehow the ability of local power districts to set rates, they should support the Simon amendment and they may have a different philosophy on the bill. Right now the bill says that they have one option, the lowest available rate, just one option. What Senator Simon is suggesting is to give more local control as far as how to do this. The legislation is permissive but the way it was originally written it was permissible to offer one rate, the lowest rate. With Senator Simon's amendment it would be permissible to offer a range under that. Now if some of the Senators here are concerned about us limiting the ability of the Public Power District Board to have some flexibility, they should support the amendment. That is all the amendment does is try and offer them rather than force them to use one rate is to give them a range. Now after I think the adoption of the amendment we could discuss about the philosophy of lifeline rate, the philosophy of cost of service, what is being done in the State of Nebraska and so on, but if local control is the concern